

# REINVESTMENT 2010 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT CJMHSa PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2013 MCSO Headquarters Conference Room

## ATTENDANCE

CJMHSa Planning Council Members/Alternates:

Tommy Taylor

Joe Laino

Brian Priester

Karen Knight

Ed Vosburgh

Sandy Islands

Sherry Read

Manny Madruga

Patricia Quasney

Bob Audette

K. Costello

Staff: MCSO CJMHSa Diversion Program Director Edie Hambright  
MCSO Grants Manager Tamara Snider

Minutes prepared by: Carol Peterson

## CALL TO ORDER

CJMHSa Planning Council meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Tommy Taylor.

## WELCOME and INTRODUCTION

As several new members were present, self introductions were made by all. New Council members are Patricia Quasney from Court Options and Ed Vosburgh, consumer.

## MINUTES

The minutes of October 4, 2012 were not approved due to lack of a quorum.

## PROGRAM REPORT from Director Edie Hambright

Overview presentation of client activity for Oct – Dec 2012; 5 clients have graduated from the program; 10 in the program. Expect to meet Grant goal of clients enrolled in the program.

CIT training program – 3 classes completed – 1 each in Sept, Nov and Jan. Another scheduled for Feb 25<sup>th</sup> week; accessing all aspects of law enforcement. Steering Committee created and met 1/15/13 to assess next step for continuing CIT training classes and training on our own after the Grant ends – focus on needing persons to be “trained to be trainers” in Feb. class and in the last 3 trainings to be scheduled in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Grant.

Taylor: CIT is trying to attack the issue on 2 fronts - getting people into the program to receive assistance, and second, training officers how to deal with people in crisis. We have to look at sustainability once the Grant runs out and Joe (Laino) this will fall to you. Talking with everyone involved in this program has supplied positive feedback. Hopefully we will get some type of financial support to bring the mental health issue back to the front. We need to track instances where a CIT trained officer responds to a scene and the outcome of his efforts. That is where we will be able to show how effective the CIT training is.

Knight: I believe this program will also bring a benefit to the juveniles – get them the benefits they need rather than putting them in the jails.

Taylor: We are making progress with this and I want you to know that. We have received reports of incidents where the CIT training has come into play with positive results in actual situations.

Laino: I would like to suggest that others outside law enforcement be invited to the classes. People are interested and it would be beneficial for everyone.

Taylor: Maybe I can get someone from the *Citizen* to attend and do an article about the program and its benefits.

Hambright: Presented an updated overview of Goals and Objectives; one goal is to get back to actively working on the initial goal of establishing a specialty docket. Third year coming up – need to prepare budget and will be looking at any possible changes.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT from Tamara Snider**

Madrugá: It appears significant funds will be left over – any concerns that we will be cut off by DCF?

Hambright: No indication from DCF that that will be a concern. We are expecting the funds to be rolled over and the requested award to be reduced by that amount for the third year.

Taylor: We are still looking for other referrals and ways to increase benefits to clients and spend the money within the grant parameters.

Islands: LKMC in-kind numbers represent services provided to people brought in by LEO who do not have the ability to pay for services they receive.

Madrugá: Any concerns that the match is coming from LKMC rather than all the entities we have listed?

Hambright: DCF has told us that is not a problem – we just have to meet the award 100%.

Read: What is the issue that we are not treating juveniles as we had hoped to do?

Hambright: We have not had any adult in the program with a child aged 13 – 17. The grant is for adults and can encompass family therapy but we have to meet the age guidelines.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS – Sustainability Committee**

**Laino:** Committee is looking at 2 directions – first is outside funding – looking for other grants. The second is we need to come up with a presentation to show the County how we are saving money with the program rather than putting people in jail. This is difficult.

Another group, the Coalition, has a grant for 5 years focusing on underage drinking and education. I feel like the committee could come up with a presentation to get a portion of that Grant to provide services that we might not have if this grant is not renewed.

The City is looking at creating a “community drop-in” center for individuals to receive therapy/medication/services and I’m looking at a way to commercialize some of the services to generate revenue to fund the services.

I’m looking at 3 grants and I’ll come up with a plan showing what we can move forward with.

Taylor: Another report to be given to the Council will show the services that are being provided, the effectiveness of those services and the cost. That will be part of the selling point – to see what is and isn’t working – and if something is working and is a savings to the County we can show the value of this program.

Islands: How realistic would it be to get some of the money the Sheriff gets from drug seizures?

Taylor: The Sheriff’s Office already does that with the SAFF grant but it has strict guidelines.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Taylor: The Grant requires a Council hold meetings with specific persons attending (or their representative). Unfortunately we have not had the turn-out we should have and we had to cancel a couple of meetings. I hope that an email coming from me will remind people that we need them at the meetings to have a quorum.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Read: Response to NAMI program has been outstanding. Bottom line is there are a lot of people out there suffering. This program is provided for free. We get our money from memberships and we need to increase NAMI membership. Everyone is welcome.

Read: An initiative called ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) – might be worth looking into for sustainability.

Islands: Discussion and presentation of brochures for the new Outpatient program at DePoo. We can look to see if there is any way the Grant funds could help support treatment in the program.

**NEXT MEETING** is tentatively scheduled for March 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.